



# HOLICONG MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

May 20, 2021





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THANK YOU  
TEACHERS















# Agenda

- Student Activities
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- Teaching & Learning
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- Health & Safety Plan





# Parent Council Norms

- Be Respectful & Considerate – of other people’s thoughts and opinions
- Be Responsible – ready to begin on time, be prepared, and maintain joy
- Be Healthy – create a safe meeting environment where all feel comfortable enough to share their thoughts







# School Reminders & Updates

- ✓ **NJHS Induction** – Congratulations to our 2021 Inductees!
  - ✓ **Keynote Speaker Mr. Kelly** - [Mr. Kelly Keynote Speech](#)
  
- ✓ **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Move-up Days**
  - ✓ Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> – Bridge Valley, Buckingham and Linden
  - ✓ Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> – Cold Spring and Warwick
  
- ✓ **Freshmen Move-up Day** – Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>
  
- ✓ **Algebra Keystone** – Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>
  
- ✓ **Last Day of School** – Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>





# Student Activities

Mrs. Wentz & Club Advisors

- **Library card drive-** partnership with the Bucks County Free Library



Holicong Middle School

## LIBRARY CARD DRIVE

We are excited to announce our partnership with the Bucks County Free Library!

To register for a library card:

1. [Click here](#) anytime from May 10th through May 23rd to access the application. Use password \$choolyear2020
2. Complete the application (if you are under 14 you will need a parent/guardian to help with the application).

Once the application is complete:

- You will receive an email with your library card number a few days after your application is processed.
- Physical library cards will be delivered to Holicong. Mrs. Wentz will distribute them before the end of the year!



- **Student Council Officer Elections**

- Open to **CURRENT** 8th grade students
- Applications available in the Library Canvas Course
- Due Friday, May 21st







# Music

Mr. Chodoroff, Mr. Glaser, and Mrs. Repper

- One Last Sequestered Songfest!
  - Monday 5/24 @ 7PM – instrumental and vocal performances, including individual students and several large ensemble performances from band, choir and orchestra
- Orchestra Virtual Masterclass w/Philadelphia Orchestra Violist Rachel Ku
  - Tuesday 5/25 @ 2PM - open to all orchestra students 7-9
- Musical News
  - Freaky Friday - DVDs and Thumb drives of both casts' films can be purchased through MyPaymentsPlus through Monday morning 5/24
  - Our "Virtual Cabaret" will premiere next Thursday night 5/27 at 7PM on Teams





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- CB Save The Music - "Hopes & Dreams"
  - Annual concert to raise money for Save The Music Foundation
  - This year will be an online show with "on-demand" viewing
  - Anticipated release date is Saturday, June 5th
  - Breakfast promotion at Café with Soul – June 4-20
  - More surprises in store?
- Celebrating Our 9th Grade Musicians
  - Firming up plans for our 9th Grade Concert and Awards
    - *The Digital Music Revolution* (9th Grade Concert) is finally ready for release!!
  - Stay tuned for more details!
- [2020-21 YouTube Holicong Music Performance Playlist](#)







# Athletics

Mr. Rittenhouse

- [Athletics Page](#)
- **Spring Sports – Track, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse**
- **Spring Seasons are Wrapping up this week for the regular season.**
- **Next week tournament times, dates and locations will be posted on the website Friday when seedings are complete.**
- **Fall sports registration for 7th and 8th grade will open on Family ID August 1st .**
- **The new Pa. sports physical forms (CIPPE) will be uploaded after June 1st, since they must be dated after June 1, 2021 for next school year.**





# Technology

Mrs. Lovuolo & Mr. Striano

**Overview:** The Technology and Innovation Department is preparing to collect all devices from students in grades K-6, 9, and 12. We hope this device helped your family with increased access to teaching and learning. The device is the property of the Central Bucks School District and must be returned to your building before your child goes home for the summer.

- Laptop bags **do not need** to be returned. Your child will be reusing this bag next year.
- If there are any technical issues with the device, please be sure to place [a help desk ticket](#) so we can resolve the issue prior to summer.
- All hotspots must be returned with the device (if applicable).
- Please remove any non-CBSD stickers or USB devices from laptops and iPads before returning.
- **Laptop users:** Your AC adapter must be a manufacturer-issued (Lenovo or HP) charging cable. Generic brands are not acceptable.
- **Device Pens:** All laptops must be returned with a pen.







# Guidance

Ms. Blankenburg, Mrs. Louderback, & Mr. Striano

- ✓ 6th Grade Orientations – in person!
  - ✓ Hosted this week with Bridge Valley, Buckingham, & Linden.
  - ✓ Next week we will host Cold Spring & Warwick.



- ✓ Mental Health Awareness, Stress Relief and Poster Making – POPS & Humanitarians 1:30
- ✓ Summer opportunities – Mrs. Blankenburg





# Teaching & Learning

## Mr. Canelli & Dr. Shillingford

Senate Bill 1216 delayed the timeline for enforcing Keystone Exam proficiency as a graduation requirement until the class of 2023. This means that any student in the class of 2023 or younger will be required to demonstrate proficiency in Algebra 1, Literature, and Biology to earn a diploma by one of the following pathways:

- 1. Keystone Proficiency Pathway** – Passing all three Keystone Exams
- 2. Composite Score Pathway** – Scoring proficient or advanced on at least one Keystone Exam and scoring at least Basic on the other two Keystone Exams with a minimum composite score of 4452.
- 3. Career & Technical Pathway** – Earning a passing grade in a Keystone-aligned course **AND** either:
  - Attaining an industry-based competency certification related to the CTE Concentrator's program of study
  - **OR**
  - Demonstrating a high likelihood of success on an approved industry-based competency assessment or readiness for continued meaningful engagement in the CTE Concentrator's program of study







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4. **Alternate Assessment Pathway** – Earning a passing grade in a Keystone-aligned course **AND** one of the following:
  - Attain the minimum score on one of the following subject-aligned tests: AP (3); PSAT (970); SAT (1010); ACT (21); ASVAB (minimum score required to gain admittance to a branch of the military)
    - **OR** Successfully complete a concurrent enrollment course in a subject-aligned course (a list of courses is pending)
    - **OR** Be accepted in an accredited 4-year nonprofit institution of higher education
  
5. **Evidence-Based Pathway** – Earning a passing grade in a Keystone-aligned course **AND** three pieces of evidence
  - **At least one of the following:**
    - Attainment of a minimum score ACT WorkKeys assessment, SAT subject-test, or Advanced Placement Exam
    - Acceptance to an accredited nonprofit institution of higher education other than a 4-year institution and evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level coursework
    - Attainment of an industry-recognized credential;
    - Successful completion of a concurrent enrollment or postsecondary course
  - **Two additional pieces from the following:**
    - Satisfactory completion of a service-learning project (*currently under development*)
    - Attainment of a score of proficient or advanced on a Keystone Exam
    - A letter guaranteeing full-time employment
    - Certificate of successful completion of an internship or cooperative education
    - Satisfactory compliance with the NCAA's core courses for college-bound student athletes with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.





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- B. Explain what the number 32.95 means in the context of the problem.

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- C. Explain why it is **not** necessary to know how many coins Zack bought to determine how much more Dave paid than Zack paid.

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The response provides a correct answer

- B. Explain what the number 32.95 means in the context of the problem.

The cost of the coin excluding the shipping fee.

The response provides a correct and complete explanation (the cost of the coin)

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It is not necessary to know how many coins Zack bought to determine how much more Dave paid than Zack paid because we know that after the initial fee, each coin costs \$32.95 so we know Dave paid  $(5)\$32.95$  more than Zack because Zack didn't buy those five coins.

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We know Jerry charged \$0 for shipping because if they had paid for shipping, Kerry's would cost less than double what Lou bought because the shipping fee was a flat fee.

The response provides a correct and complete explanation.







# Health & Safety Plan

Mrs. Radice & Dr. Shillingford

- Modified Quarantine has gone well the few times we needed to implement for students to attend school
- Covid vaccine has been approved for students 12 and older
  - Parents and students are welcome to contact the Health Office with the date(s) received, if interested
- We continue to stay current with the CDC, state and district guidelines.
- Thank you for all your support and understanding through all of this





## CHANGES TO PENNSYLVANIA'S COVID-19 MITIGATION ORDERS

# WHAT WILL CHANGE? & WHAT WON'T?

On Tuesday May 4, 2021, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf announced the expiration of several of the commonwealth's COVID-19 mitigation orders. **These changes will take effect on June 1, 2021.** [Review the governor's announcement here.](#)

This announcement contains several implications for public schools in Pennsylvania. In order to align with this new guidance, the district has made a number of changes to our district-wide health and safety plan. Some things **will change**, some **will not change**. This infographic has been prepared to better explain these modifications. Thank you for your support as we continue to respond to emerging guidance. We look forward to positive steps that bring us ever closer to achieving our goal of a full return to school in the fall of 2021.

## WILL CHANGE



The **attestation order will be lifted**, and therefore the requirement to monitor a specific number of cases in order to stay open will be removed.



The district will **no longer** be required to conduct building-wide all inclusive cleanings when the number of positive cases reaches a certain threshold identified by the state.



Indoor and outdoor gathering limitations **will be lifted** by the commonwealth. This will enable the district to host **larger** gatherings and events within our schools and on our campuses.

Indoor gathering requirements **will be relaxed** in some spaces (commons areas, etc.), allowing certain essential gatherings (graduation practices) to take place indoors. However, students **must remain masked indoors except during mask breaks/eating**.



When actively participating in outdoor recess and outdoor health and physical education classes, the requirement to mask **will be relaxed**, enabling students to go unmasked **whenever six feet of distance can be maintained**.

## WON'T CHANGE



Building principals, nurses, and other administrators **will continue to monitor positive cases** within our schools, **conduct case investigations**, and **notify close personal contacts**. The Bucks County Health Department will **continue to contact trace**.



In line with updated CDC recommendations, the district **will continue** to conduct all-inclusive **cleaning and disinfection** of classrooms and any other areas that were occupied by a positive individual, in addition to routine cleaning and disinfection.



The commonwealth's **masking order remains in place** at this time. When individuals attend school, work in our buildings, or visit our schools for events or activities, **they will be required to mask**. Until the secretary of health's order is lifted or modified, students and staff will continue to mask while indoors.



Building visitors **will continue** to be limited to **essential visitors only** for the remainder of the school year.





# FAQ

- Any plans for an orientation for the incoming 8th graders who are virtual this year?
  - Yes, we are planning to have an open house in the summer. We will also plan orientation activities for the first days of school. Students can also contact their guidance counselor.
- Will the 6th graders taking the Algebra Keystone take it at their home school?
  - Yes, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will test in their Elementary building.
- Do the virtual kids go in person for Keystone testing on June 1?
  - Yes, students will report to the cafeteria at 7:20 am. Students will be in the cafeteria for testing. (Note - when testing completed, students will have the opportunity to stay in cafeteria and join teams call, or reach out to guardian to pickup if transportation available).





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